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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Received**)
Shigeaki IMAI et al. **APR 02 1999**)
Serial No.: 08/748,935 **Group 2700**) Group Art Unit: 2772
Filed: November 13, 1996) Examiner: M. Powell
For: METHOD FOR GENERATING THREE-) **CPA - 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**
DIMENSIONAL FORM DATA AND)
APPARATUS THEREFOR)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please kindly add new claims 23-28 as follows:

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~~23. (New) A computer-implemented method of generating three-dimensional form data to be used in a computer apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:~~

- ~~generating a plurality of lines;~~
- ~~projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and~~
- ~~modifying the group of curves by moving a curve or curves in the group along a surface of the three-dimensional form model.~~